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MARKETING OUTLOOK FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS DESCRIBED

A prediction of fairly steady markets for edible fishery products during the fourth quarter of 1952 was made today by the Commercial Fisheries Branch of the Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service.

In a leaflet titled Quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, October-December 1952, issued today by the Branch, declining production due to the usual seasonal changes in the fisheries was also forecast.

Liberal supplies, due to large cold-storage holdings and heavy imports, were predicted. Exports were expected to be considerably less than in the same quarter of last year.

For sablefish, croaker, and mackerel, an active or firm market was seen.

Bluefish, mullet, red snapper, salmon, scup, sea bass, and sea trout will have steady or fairly steady markets, according to the forecast.

An unsettled market was anticipated for butterfish, haddock, halibut, whitefish, swordfish, and whiting.

Cod, flounder and sole, ocean perch (rosefish) and pollock were expected to encounter dull markets during the quarter.

With respect to shellfish, a firm or fairly firm market was seen for clams, spiny lobster tails, and oysters. For crabs, scallops, shrimp, and lobsters, steady or fairly steady markets were predicted.

Regarding fresh-water fish, fairly firm markets were forecast for catfish and bullheads, lake trout, and yellow perch. Unsettled markets were seen for chubs, carp, lake herring, whitefish, pickerel, and yellow pike. The market for sheepshead was expected to be dull.

Firm markets were forecast for canned mackerel and canned crab meat, while fairly steady markets were seen for canned salmon and sardines. The markets for canned shrimp and herrings were expected to be unsettled and those for canned tuna and oysters, somewhat dull.

A fairly steady market was predicted for fish meal, while markets for the other by-products, fish oils and fish liver oils, were expected to be weak.

Fifteenth of a series, the leaflet was prepared by Ralph Russell, economist, of the Branch of Commercial Fisheries. The publication treats some 50 different fishery commodities and is illustrated with more than 40 charts. In addition to discussing specific fishery products, the leaflet examines fishery products markets in general and the food situation as a whole.

For procurement purposes, the leaflet is designated as Fishery Leaflet 336n. Copies may be obtained, without charge, from the Division of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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